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TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SURFING ON ARTIFICIAL SURFACES

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.
08/847,561

Applicant(s)
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Examiner
Kien T. Nguyen

Group Art Unit
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 11/03/98.

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 15-23.

☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. 2.

☒ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on Apr 25, 1998, which has been approved by the examiner.

☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. The numbering of claims is not accordance with 37 CFR 1.126 which requires the original numbering of the claims to be preserved throughout the prosecution. When claims are canceled, the remaining claims must not be renumbered. When new claims are presented, they must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claims previously presented (whether entered or not).

Misnumbered claims 23 and 24 have been renumbered as 22 and 23, respectively.

2. The amendment to claim 21 (see page 2 of the amendment filed on 11/12/98) has not been entered because the addition of more than 5 words in a claim (see 37 CFR 1.121(a)(2)(i)).

Accordingly, the below Examiner's amendment is intended to correct such error.

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

4. The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification:

Page 7, line 1, before "Description" insert --Brief--.

Page 8, after line 13, insert line 14 as follows:

--Fig. 4c shows another view of the section of the gutter system.--.

Page 17, line 6, change "Fig. 4b" to --Figs. 4b and 4c--;

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line 7, change "Figure 4b shows" to --Figures 4b and 4c show--.

In the claims:


Claim 21, line 1, change "fifteen" to --15--; change "a means for allowing a user" to --a

conveyance carrier on which a user rides allowing the user--;

line 3, delete "on a conveyance carrier".

5. The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: view 1 and view 2 of Fig. 4b will be changed to Fig. 4c and Fig. 4b, respectively. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kien Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 308-2493.


Kien T. Nguyen
Primary Examiner

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November 20, 1998

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